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## Partners Commit to Helping Kentucky Clinicians Successfully Participate in the Quality Payment Program

The Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE), Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS), Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH), Kentucky Rural Healthcare Information Organization (KRHIO), Qsource -- a member of atom Alliance, the Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) -- and the University of Kentucky's Regional Extension Center (KY REC) have made the bold commitment to helping 90 percent of eligible clinicians in the state successfully participate in the [Quality Payment Program](#) for performance year 2017. The Quality Payment Program is new federal legislation altering the way clinicians are reimbursed for their Medicare Part B encounters. Since 2017 is the transition year into the MIPS program, clinicians have multiple reporting options, known as "Pick Your Pace," to be successful and avoid a negative payment adjustment. Click [here](#) to read the full announcement.

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## Important Dates for Eligible Professionals, Eligible Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals:

- **January 1, 2017**  
Reporting year begins for Program Year 2017.
  - **September 2017**  
Targeted go live date for Program Year 2017.
  - **October 1, 2017**  
First-time Participants CY 2017 EHR Reporting Period Attestation Deadline.  
  
Deadline to submit a hardship application for the 2018 payment adjustment for EPs who have not successfully demonstrated meaningful use in a prior year under the EHR Incentive Program and are transitioning to Merit-Based Inpatient Payment System (MIPS) in 2017.
  - **December 31, 2017**  
Reporting year ends for Program Year 2017.
  - **February 28, 2018**  
For the CY 2017 reporting period, hospitals participating in the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program must self-select and successfully report on a minimum of 8 of the 15 available eQMs utilizing EHR technology certified to the 2014 or 2015 Edition through the *QualityNet Secure Portal*.
  - **March 31, 2018**  
Deadline to submit Program Year 2017 attestations.
  - **2021**  
Last year to receive Medicaid EHR incentive payment.
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## KHIE Connection

Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE) is the Public Health Authority in the Commonwealth for the public health measures within the EHR Incentive Program. In order to be deemed a Meaningful User the provider must have a signed Participation Agreement and signed addendum(s) on file with KHIE for each public health objective selected for attestation. Public Health guidance is available on the EHR website as well as the KHIE website.

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## Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Status, August 28, 2017

	Registrations	Completed Attestations	Total Paid	Amount Paid
Hospitals	95	294	270	\$133,577,270.60
Providers	5,171	9,363	7,985	\$118,743,584.58
Totals	5,266	9,657	8,255	\$252,320,855.18

## Kentucky Medicare EHR Incentive Program Status, July 2016

Total Payments to EPs and EHs: 10,806

Total Amount Paid: \$379,086,957.18

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## For Assistance with Meaningful Use

### Regional Extension Centers (REC)

- Kentucky REC at the University of Kentucky: <http://kentuckyrec.com/>
- Kentucky Rural Health Information Organization: <http://nekyrhio.org/>

### Kentucky Medicaid

- Medicaid EHR website <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/ehr.htm>
- Send an email to [ehrincentives@ky.gov](mailto:ehrincentives@ky.gov)
- Send an email from Send E-mail function at <https://prdweb.chfs.ky.gov/KYSLR/Login.aspx>
- Submit an Issue/Concern through attestation website